

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and reexamination of this application. The specification has been revised editorially. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 13. Accordingly, claim 13 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2-9 have been revised editorially. Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. No new matter has been added. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration that claims 13, 6, 8 and 9 are considered allowable.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. More specifically, the rejection considers that the term "i960-like" is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Applicant respectfully submits that the term "i960-like" would be understood by one of skill in the art to mean a bus protocol that shares a common feature as the i960 bus protocol, and is well known to be an embedded processor bus based on the i960 series of microprocessors. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the term "i960-like" is definite.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections 35 USC § 103

Claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupien Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,996,659) in view of Ezzet (U.S. Patent No. 5,603,051).

The rejection is rendered moot, as claim 1 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 13. Accordingly, claim 1 should be allowed. Claim 7 depends ultimately from claim 1 and is patentable along with claim 1 and need not be separately distinguished at this time. Applicant is not conceding the correctness of the rejection. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupien Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,996,659) in view of Ezzet (U.S. Patent No. 5,603,051) and further in view of Jahnke et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,829,669).

The rejection is rendered moot, as claim 1 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 13. Claims 2-4 depend ultimately from claim 1 and are patentable along with claim 1 and need not be separately distinguished at this time. Applicant is not conceding the correctness of the rejection. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupien Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,996,659) in view of Ezzet (U.S. Patent No. 5,603,051) and further in view of Stewart (U.S. Patent No. 6,789,153).

The rejection is rendered moot, as claim 1 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 13. Claims 5 and 12 depend ultimately from claim 1 and are patentable along with claim 1 and need not be separately distinguished at this time. Applicant is not conceding the correctness of the rejection. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupien Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,996,659) in view of Ezzet (U.S. Patent No. 5,603,051) and further in view of Fuke (U.S. Patent No. 7,165,184).

The rejection is rendered moot, as claim 1 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 13. Claims 10 and 11 depend ultimately from claim 1 and are patentable along with claim 1 and need not be separately distinguished at this time. Applicant is not conceding the correctness of the rejection. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

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In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's representative at 612.455.3800

Respectfully submitted,

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